MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY AND

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Chestatee Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pleasant Valley Church

October 8th, 9th, 10th, 1943

MODERATOR
REV. W. Y. GRINDLE, Dahlonega, Ga.

REV. ED. GRIZZLE, Assisting, Dahlonega, Ga., R. F. D. 1

CLERK
C. H. STRINGER, Dahlonega, Ga.

The next session of the Chestatee Baptist Association will be held with Pleasant Valley Church, 14 miles from Woody's Gap, on Woody's Gap and Blue Ridge Road, in Fannin County, starting on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1944.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these are not three Gods but one God.

2. We believe that the Old and the New Testaments are the Word of God and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. In the Fall of Adam, and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, in the corruption of human nature and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. In election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through satisfaction of the spirit and belief of the truth.

5. That sinners were justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

6. That all of those who were chosen in Christ will be effectually called, regenerated, converted, sanctified and supported by His power so that they shall persevere in grace and not one of them finally be lost.

7. That good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and that they only justify us in the sight of men and angels and are evidences of our gracious state.

8. That there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of the church and washing the saints' feet is an example to be kept up by the church.

DECORUM

1. That this Association shall be composed of members who have been regularly chosen by their churches and come recommended by letter which shall represent their appointment by the number of members in their church; also the number which has been received; dismissed, excommunicated, restored or dead in the past year.

2. This Association claims no power over the eternal rights of a church as they do not lord it over God's heritage, but would only assume the character of an advisory council consistent with which the churches allow us to act. She shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be appointed annually by the members present, and shall stay in office until the next appointment.

3. No church shall be permitted to have more than three delegates in this Association until her number in fellowship exceeds one hundred, and then one delegate to every fifty members afterwards.

4. Every application made by a church for admittance into this Association must be done by petition, by letter, and if found orthodox and received, the Moderator shall testify their reception by giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

5. No query will receive the attention of this Association only those that are sent under the authority and request of a church.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, if considered in order, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

7. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking except when he departs from the subject; but shall not be permitted to speak more than three times on one subject without the consent of the Association.

8. This Association shall always begin and end each day's session with prayer. The members must observe good order while in session and not absent themselves from same without leave of the Moderator.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

Union County, Georgia

October 8th, 1943.

The Chestatee Baptist Association met today on its one hundred and eighth anniversary, this marking its one hundred and fourth annual session. The introductory sermon by Rev. Ed Grizzle had as its text Genesis, 35th chapter and 3rd verse: "And let us arise and go up to Bethel and I will make there an altar unto God who answered me in the day of my distress and was with me in the way which I went."

The delegates then took a recess for one hour and a half. Upon meeting back, they were called to order by the Moderator and were led in prayer by Rev. Henry Howard. The Moderator appointed Rev. Claud Hood and Rev. Luther Bowen to read the Church Letters while the Clerk enrolled the delegates.

Antioch—Not represented.

Bethlehem—Rev. E. E. Turner, Leonard Tritt.

Cane Creek—Not represented.

Cavender's Creek—Rev. Barney Fields, Elmer Anderson, Arthur Lance.

Concord—Rev. Ed Grizzle, J. W. Calhoun, Marion Anderson.

Cooper's Creek—Rev. Jackson Davis, Ray Woody.

Corinth—Not represented.

Duke's Creek—Jess Thurmond, John Dean, Caffus Abernathy.

Hightower—Lewis Rider.

Mt. Gilead—R. M. Sims, W. J. Dyer.

Mt. Airy—Not represented.

Mt. Olive—Loy Sullens, Buster Bowers, Joe Bryant.

Mt. Sinai—Rev. W. Y. Grindle, R. V. Martin, J. C. Fields.

Mt. Zion No. 2—Oliver Grindle, C. H. Stringer, L. D. Grindle.

Mt. Lebanon—W. B. Tritt.

Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.

Nimblewill—Mark Kendall, W. H. Marshall.

Pleasant Hill—John Justus.

Salem—Wesley Lance, Ed Faulkner.

Pleasant Valley—Arthur Gooch, W. I. Carder, A. D. Todd.

Town Creek—Not represented.

Yahoola—Rev. C. W. Ash, Rev. N. M. Grizzle, John Walden.

Philippi—John Beasley, John Thomas, Lish Mason.

Petitionary letters were called for but none were received.

Upon motion, Rev. Claud Hood and Rev. Luther Bowen were appointed to hold an election for the purpose of choosing a Moderator and Clerk. Rev. W. Y. Grindle was named Moderator and C. H. Stringer appointed as Clerk for 1944.

Then an invitation was given to the following visitors: Rev. Clifford Palmour, of New Bridge; Rev. Homer Thomas, of Wahoo; Rev. Henry Howard, of East View; Rev. Claud Hood, of Mountain View; Bro. Wiley Dowdy, of New Union Association; Bro. Wiley Jones, East View Church; Bro. Luther Christy, of Chestatee Association.

Rev. Luther Bowen, of Mountain View Church, was received into the body.

A call was made for Corresponding Messengers, but none was received. The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Committee on Arrangements—Lewis Rider, W. I. Carder, W. D. Adams, J. A. Thurmond.

Committee on Preaching—W. I. Carder, A. D. Todd, Leonard Tritt, John Beasley, William Marshall.

Committee on Sunday School—Rev. C. W. Ash, Oliver Grindle, R. M. Sims, Rev. N. M. Grizzle, Lish Mason, Rev. Ed Grizzle.

Committee on Queries—Joe Dyer, Job Bryant, J. C. Fields, John Walden.

Committee on Temperance—Rev. N. M. Grizzle, C. W. Ash, Arthur Gooch, Rev. Barney Fields.

Committee on Finance—Arthur Lance, Elmer Anderson, John Justus, Loy Sullens.

Committee on Pastoral Support—Marion Anderson, Buster Bowers, L. D. Grindle.

Committee on Deceased Members—Sam Berry, Roy Woody, Wesley Lance, Mark Kendall, R. V. Martin.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. Jackson Davis, J. W. Calhoun, Rev. E. E. Turner.

W. B. Tritt then made a motion that the body adjourn until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

On Saturday morning they met back according to adjournment and prayer was led by Bro. Leonard Tritt. The Clerk called the roll and marked the absentees. Renewed invitation to visitors. Rev. J. A. Mason, of Philippi Church; Bro. W. J. Anderson, of Chestatee Association; Bro. John Robinson and Rev. J. J. Hood, of Blairsville, were received into the body.

The body then took a recess for two hours for preaching and dinner, and then met back at the time set, and was led in prayer by Bro. John Justus. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator for the report of the Committees.

REPORT ON ARRANGEMENTS

We, your Committee on Arrangements, submit the following:

1. Preach the Introductory Sermon.
2. Read the Letters from the Churches.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
5. Invite Visitors.
6. Call for Corresponding Messengers.
7. Appoint Various Committees.
8. Renew Invitation to Visitors.
9. Call the Roll and Mark Absentees.
10. Call for Report of Committees.
11. General Business.
12. Adjourn.

LEWIS RIDER, Chairman.

REPORT ON PREACHING

We, your Committee on Preaching, wish to extend our report as follows:

Friday night, Rev. Barney Fields followed by Rev. Claude

Hood.

Saturday, 11 a. m., Rev. Henry Howard, followed by Rev. Homer Thomas.

Saturday night, Rev. John Justus, followed by Rev. N. M. Grizzle.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Rev. Jackson Davis, followed by Rev. E. E. Turner.

L. H. TRITT, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday School, beg leave to submit the following:

We find that most of our churches report a Sunday School. We are pleased to know that Sunday Schools have increased very much in the last few years and sincerely hope and trust that they will continue to grow, as we feel they are a great help to the Singing Class as well as to the church.

REV. C. W. ASH, Chairman.

REPORT ON QUERIES

We, your Committee on Queries, beg to report that there were no queries sent up from our churches.

W. J. DYER, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

We believe that every child of God should be temperate in all things allowed and abstain from all things forbidden, and that our conversation and deeds should be to help each other rather than to offend.

REV. N. M. GRIZZLE, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, report the following collections: $44.05 which the churches sent up for Minutes. We recommend that the Clerk be paid $5.00 and the remainder go for Minutes.

ARTHUR LANCE, Chairman.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, report the following:

We recommend that our churches see that our preachers are not made poorer by serving us, and we do believe that our churches should report on their letters to the Association concerning just how our pastors have been paid, so we will know how they are being supported.

We believe it would help us to give more that we might receive more blessings and would help our preachers to carry the Gospel farther to the unsaved people. So let us remember and give a fair service to God.

M. B. ANDERSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, find that our Heavenly Father, in His great wisdom, has seen fit to send the Death Angel into our midst and take the following from us:

Pleasant Valley lost Bro. Johnny Gurley.

Yahoola lost two members: Sister Mary Jane Lee died the 16th day of February, 1943. She had lived as a member for 39 years and 5 months. She was 69 years of age. Brother Albert Anderson died the 17th day of April, 1943. He had lived as a member for 10 years and 8 months. He was 25 years of age.

Mt. Lebanon lost two: John Woody and Sinnie Woody.

Mt. Zion No. 2 lost one: Sister Mellie Ash, who died the 19th day of February, 1943. She had lived many years, and her age is unknown.

Duke's Creek lost one: Brother Ralph Sims, who died the 15th day of August, 1943. Lived as a member about 7 years. He was 25 years of age.

S. G. BERRY, Chairman.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

That we are very grateful to Pleasant Valley Church and community for their kindness and brotherly love they have shown us during this session, and pray that God will be with

them in all of their efforts.

REV. W. J. DAVIS, Chairman.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On motion, the next session of this body will be held with Cooper's Creek Church, which is about 14 miles from Arthur Woody's on the Woody's Gap and Blue Ridge road towards Morganton.

The session will start on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1944.

On motion, Rev. J. J. Hood and John Gooch were appointed to hold the election for a pastor to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev. Barney Fields was elected and Rev. J. A. Mason was chosen as Alternate.

On motion, this body adjourned until the time and place mentioned above.

The Farewell Address was made by Rev. C. W. Ash. Then the body took the parting hand and was dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. J. Hood.

REV. W. Y. GRIZZLE, Moderator,
With REV. ED GRIZZLE, Assisting.
C. H. STRINGER, Clerk.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Meeting Days	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Total Members	Money for Minutes
Antioch	Rev. W. L. Tow, Cleveland, Ga.	1	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	87	$ 2.00
Bethlehem	Rev. W. E. Miller, Dahlonega, Ga.	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	152	3.50
Cane Creek	Not Represented											
Cavender's Creek	Rev. Arthur Mason, Dahlonega, Ga.	4	1	1	1	4	2	1	0	0	73	3.20
Cooper's Creek	Rev. A. J. Barrett, Alpharetta, Ga.	4	2	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	75	3.30
Concord	Rev. C. L. Palmer, Murrayville, Ga.	2	1	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	69	1.50
Corinth	Not Represented											
Duke's Creek	Rev. L. G. Bowen, Cleveland, Ga.	3	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	47	1.50
Hightower	Rev. C. C. Smith, Dahlonega, Ga.	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	61	3.00
Mt. Airy	Not Represented											
Mt. Gilead	Rev. N. M. Grizzle, Dahlonega, Ga.	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	109	2.00
Mt. Olive	Rev. L. C. Christy, New Holland, Ga.	4	1	1	8	4	5	0	0	0	90	2.50
Mt. Pisgah	Not Represented											
Mt. Sinai	Rev. W. F. Grindle, Dahlonega, Ga.	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	43	2.25
Mt. Zion No. 2	Rev. C. F. Palmer, Murrayville, Ga.	3	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	204	3.15
Mt. Lebanon	Rev. James J. Hood, Blairsville, Ga.	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	148	1.50
Mt. Pleasant No. 2	Not Represented											
Nimblewill	Rev. J. E. Grizzle, Dahlonega, Ga.	2	1	0	11	0	4	0	0	0	126	1.75
Philippi	Rev. Barnie Fields, Dahlonega, Ga.	2	2	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	159	3.00
Pleasant Hill	Rev. J. E. Grizzle, Dahlonega, Ga.	3	1	1	7	2	3	0	0	0	101	3.00
Pleasant Valley	Rev. J. E. Grizzle, Dahlonega, Ga.	4	0	0	11	9	0	0	0	1	54	2.00
Salem	Rev. Duffie Grizzle, Dahlonega, Ga.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	1.50
Town Creek	Not Represented											
Yahoola	Rev. A. J. Barrett, Alpharetta, Ga.	3	2	2	13	0	3	0	0	2	231	3.40
	Total		17	5	72	26	48	2	0	7	1883	$44.05

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